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Western Ability to Take Countermeasures to Affect Exercise <sup>of</sup> Soviet Capabilities in Berlin

West impotent to retaliate effectively in terms of partial embargo.

(Available information inadequate to permit analysis or evaluation of effects on East Germany of complete embargo by West Germany.)

- 1) East Germany only marginally dependent on Western sources
- 2) Alternative Bloc sources of supply in most cases possible
- 3) East German inventories probably adequate for period during which sanctions effective. Latter limited to two or three months at most necessary to reestablish trade channel via Gdynia or other Bloc intermediary. Even if sanctions applied to entire Bloc, degree of resulting derangement slight. Following list of commodities and remarks supplant entirely those already sent (with more realistic deadline LITTA will get more reliable first response):

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